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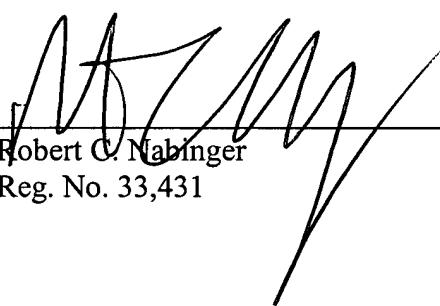
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Applicants hereby petition under § 1.313(c)(2) for the withdrawal of this application from issue to permit consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement filed in a continuing application. The issue fee was paid on May 28, 2003.

A request for continued examination of this application under § 1.114 is being filed simultaneously herewith. The request for continued examination is intended to continue this application on the grant of this petition.

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Respectfully submitted,


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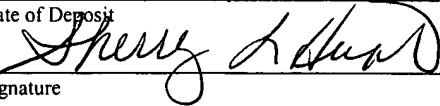
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